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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT MAURITANIA

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 1018

B. DAKAR 4395

C. STATE 169886

CHARGE CALLED ON MINHEALTH MORNING OF AUGUST 6 AND SAID  
DEFINITIVE RESPONSE GIRM AIRLIFT REQUEST NOT YET RECEIVED  
BUT WISHED RAISE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR GIRM ADVANCE PLANNING:

1. GIRM DEMARCHE FOR GOM LOAN OF GRAIN: MINISTER SAID HE  
WOULD IMMEDIATELY DESPATCH TELEGRAM TO MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR  
IN BAMAKO INSTRUCTING THAT HE MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHE TO GOM  
FOR LOAN OF APPROXIMATELY 3000 TONS GRAIN FOR POSSIBLE BAMAKO-  
NEMA AIRLIFT. MINHEALTH WELCOMED NEWS US WOULD ALSO MAKE APPROACH  
TO GOM RE SUBJECT AIRLIFT BUT UNDERSTOOD GIRM MUST INITIATE REQUEST  
ITSELF. MINHEALTH CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IT ONLY  
AFTER INTERVENTION US LAST YEAR THAT MALIANS AGREED TO PROVIDE  
GRAIN FOR AIRLIFT. MINISTER ADDED PRESIDENT TRAORE'S PLEDGE OF  
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ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA AIRLIFT SHOULD SPEED ARRANGEMENTS

(REF A).

2. PRE-PLANNING FOR NEMA: MINISTER PLANS TO HAVE 10-12 TRUCKS OF 10 TON CAPACITY TO TRANSPORT ANY AIRLIFTED FOOD FROM NEMA AIRSTRIP. MINISTER SAID THAT FIRST HALF OF AIRLIFTED TONNAGE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY DISTRIBUTED IN TOWN OF NEMA. SECOND HALF WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN OTHER FIRST REGION DISTRICTS. THEREFORE, HE DOES NOT ENVISION STORAGE IN ANY QUANTITY (RESPONSE TO PARA 3 REF B). I TOLD MINISTER FIRST REGION OFFICIALS SHOULD MAKE PLANS FOR THE RECEIPT OF AS MUCH AS 100 TONS DAILY BEGINNING THE END OF AUGUST. ALSO POINTED OUT NECESSITY AIRCRAFT BE UNLOADED SWIFTLY INTO ORGANIZED TEMPORARY STORAGE AT AIRSTRIP. I OFFERED ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT EXPERT TO ASSIST FIRST REGION AUTHORITIES ORGANIZE FOR POSSIBLE AIRLIFT BUT MINISTER POLITELY REFUSED SAYING JTF COMMANDER AND EMBASSY COULD INSPECT ARRANGEMENT BEFORE BEGINNING ANY AIRLIFT AND REGION GOVERNOR WOULD BE RESPONSIVE SUGGESTIONS WE MADE. MINISTER NOTED THAT FIRST REGION GOVERNOR AND HIS STAFF NOW EXPERIENCED AS THEY HANDLED LAST YEAR'S AIRLIFT TO NEMA.

3. COST SHARING: IN ORDER ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE DISCUSSED, IN GENERAL, COST SHARING FOR AIRLIFT. MINHEALTH SAID GIRM WOULD BE WILLING PICK UP TAB FOR SOME OF AIRLIFT EXPENSES. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT USEFUL GIRM SHARE IN SOME COSTS AS WAS CASE FOR 1973 AIRLIFT. PERHAPS SUPPORT COSTS FOR AIRCRAFT CREWS (LODGING, GROUND TRANSPORT, ETC) COULD BE GIRM CONTRIBUTION.  
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